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MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East is now in session.

THE PRESIDENT: All the accused are present except SHIRATORI who is represented by counsel. Sugamo prison surgeon certifies that he is ill and unable to attend the trial today. The certificate will be recorded and filed.

Major Blakeney.

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C H O G D A N, recalled as a witness PUNTSUGIN on behalf of the prosecution, resumed the stand and testified through Mongolian interpreters as follows:

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. BLAKENEY (Continued):

Witness, can you read and write?

In what language?

Any language. Q

I can read classical Mongolian as well as modern Mongolian very well. I can read and write it. As far as the Russian language is concerned, I am not very fluent in that language, but I can read a little and I know certain, especially military terms, but I don't speak Russian.

THE RUSSIAN MONITOR: Addition: "I know both the old Mongolian alphabet and the modern Mongolian

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Q Did you read your affidavit after you signed it or before you signed it at any time?

A I read and signed my affidavit.

Why did you state in the affidavit that it had been written down and read to you?

A I read the affidavit myself, but it was also read to me, and that is what is said in my affidavit.

Q Describe the boundary country around the Nomonhan area.

A Nomonhan is located on the bank of the Hailastin, Gol River. Nomonhan is an Obo. It is called Nomonhan-Burd Obo. There are two Obos, and the border line runs between these two Obos.

Q What kind of country is it? Is it flat, level, or mountainous?

A The area around Nomonhan is covered with small hills which are called barkhans, and there are plains in that area too. Nomonhan-Burd Obo itself is situated on top of a hill which is near the Hailastin-Gol River.

THE RUSSIAN MONITOR: ". . . on top of a small hill. . ."

Q How high are the hills in that area?

A I wouldn't be able to tell you the elevation of these hills from the level of the sea, but the height

of the hills themselves is forty to fifty meters and near Nomonhan-Burd Obo their height is forty-five meters.

Q And the country contains many deep ravines, does it not?

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A Near the Hailastin-Gol River itself, it is low country, but in the area of Nomonhan there are also small swamps and ravines.

When did you first become familiar with that area of the border?

My tenure of office in the Sumburin-tsagan Nur outpost commenced in June 1938, and from that moment I became familiar with the country -- with that part of the country.

You didn't know it before then at all?

No.

And you left the area, did you not, while the fighting was still in progress during the Nomonhan Incident?

What period of time are you referring to? Would A you please specify it?

I am referring to the next to last paragraph of your affidavit when you say that in the evening of the same day, which I think is the 30th of June 1938, you received another commend and proceeded to carry out another task.

I meant 1939.

From June 1938 to June 30, 1939, I served in borderguard units in this area and after that I 23 was transferred to some -- to another place and I did not participate in the last phase of the fighting, but at the beginning of the fighting I was there and I participated.

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Q Did you ever serve in the Nomonhan area at any time after that?

A I still served in this sector, that is, in the Nomonhan area, but in July-August 1939 I was transferred inland and received another mission. But after that, that is, after August, I returned to that sector and now -- and I am still working there.

THE RUSSIAN MONITOR: "Still I was not in that area while the heavy fighting took place."

Q How recently have you seen the area where the fighting took place?

THE RUSSIAN MONITOR: The witness says "After the hostilities."

Q But what is the most recently that you have seen that area?

A In September 1947.

Q Tell the Tribunal how the boundary was marked in the Nomonhan area before the Incident, that is, before the fighting took place.

A This sector of the State borderline is marked by the bordermarks, which are Nomonhan Burd Obo, Huld Ulyn Obo and Ers Ulyn Obo. In the area of Nomonhan Burd Obo there are two Obos between which the border-line runs. These Obos are made of earth and on the top of the Obos there are poles.

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THE PRESIDENT: You asked the question on how the border was marked before the fighting.

A Huld Ulyn Obe and Ers Ulyn Obe are also made of stones and there are poles on them likewise.

Q Are you describing the way the border was marked before the fighting?

A Yes, prior to the hostilities.

O Have you completed your description?

A I haven't finished my description yet.

O Go ahead.

A Between the a three obos there are certain places by which the state borderline could be determined; that is, between Eris Ulin obo and Huld Ulin obo there are small hills, or barhans, on top of which the borderline runs. I will name these small hills.

That is, starting from Huld Ulin obo, they are as follows: Harulinogdo, Nogantolgy, Mahurinmanhan, and they are running from Muld Ulin obo up to Nomonhan Burd obo.

From Eris Ulin obo up to Nomonhan Burd there are the following small hills: Gunzalgan, Oboto, Furuntulge, and Otorinmanlan. They are reaching up to Momonhan obo. In addition, in certain places where orientation was difficult in determining the border, there were poles which facilitated orientation

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as to the location of the border.

O That about the boundary monuments between the obos? Describe those.

A I have told you already what border marks or border monuments are there between those obos in my previous reply.

As I understood you, you spoke of poles at difficult places, but I am speaking about the wooden boundary monuments which stood one to one and a half kilometers apart between the obos along the length of the border in this area.

A There were no poles during the whole length of the state borderline; there were only separate places where it was difficult to determine where the borderline passed, as I told you previously, and there were poles on top of obos, as I told you previously as well.

- Q How high were those poles?
- A Over two meters.
- O How wide were they -- how thick?
- A I didn't measure them, but I can say they were more than 20 centimeters thick.
 - Q "ere there inscriptions on them?
- A The poles between the obos bore numbers in numerical succession, and those on top of obos had the

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inscription "The Mongolian People's Republic."

O That inscription was not on the poles between the obos, then, if I understand correctly?

A On those border markers which were between obos there were no inscriptions except numbers in numerical succession, but those which were on top of obos bore inscriptions.

Q Did the numerical succession run from north to south or south to north?

A I wouldn't say that those border markers were placed in any strict order, and so it would be pretty hard to say whether they ran from south to north or otherwise. They were placed only in some places between the obos.

About how many of them were there altogether of that type of marker?

A I can't say the exact number, but approximately more than ten.

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Q Was the condition of the border markers which you have just described, true during the entire period from October 1938 until you left the area in June 1939?

A In June 1938 when I first arrived in the area the border markers were all there, but in the course of hostilities there were such cases when the Japanese destroyed them or carried them away.

THE MONITOR: Slight correction: When they were destroyed or carried away by the Japanese.

A (Continuing) After the cessation of hostilities, beginning from 1940, in accordance with the well-known agreement on the redemarcation of the border, special border markers were established on the border, were set up on the border.

Those markers which you have described as being there in June 1939, do you know whether they had been established recently or had been there a long time?

A As to the markers atop obos, I can tell you that they had been there since a very long time ago, but when they were first set up, and under what agreement, and by whom, I have no knowledge. As to the markers between obos, I can tell you that they serve for orientation and they were set up when necessary.

Q Well, I am afraid that is not very clear to me. Tell me, for example, were the markers between obos there in warch 1939?

A Yes, they were there, as I told you previously.

Now, please listen carefully to this. I have the following information and I want you to tell me whether it is correct or incorrect: I have the information that between obos on this border in this area there were wooden border monuments which stood one to one and one-half kilometers apart, that these monuments were 2½ to 3 meters high, and that they bore on them inscriptions in Longolian. Is that true or false?

THE PRESIDENT: General Vasiliev.

GENERAL VALILIEV: May I ask the defense counsel to refer us to the document from which he is quoting?

I believe this has been the practise with this Tribunal.

THE PRESIDENT: No, it is not necessary. We know where he gets it, but it is not necessary to tell the witness. Let the witness answer. We recognize much of it, at least I think we do.

A I have told you previously, that between the obos there were border markers which were at a distance sometimes 12 kilometers, and sometimes even more than that from each other; and I also told you

that upon these border markers there were numbers in succession which were written in old mongolian figures, and as to the poles on top of obos, those poles bore the instription "mongolian People's Republic."

THE PRESIDENT: Well, there is no need to carry it further. We can make the comparison,

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Q The border between Outer Mongolia and Manchuria remained after the Nomonhan Incident just where it was before, did it not?

A The border line between the Mongolian People's Republic and Manchuria remained the same as it was prior to hostilities in the Nomonhan area.

Q With no exceptions?

THE INTERPRETER: The witness says he hasn't finished his answer.

MR. BLAKENEY: I think you have given enough on that subject. We have to shorten this because of the difficulties of translation.

THE PRESIDENT: Let him finish his answer first.

A (Continuing) The state border line underwent no changes after the hostilities ceased but in accordance with the agreement between the two states the redemarcation of the border line took place.

- Q Is the border in that area since the redemarcation marked in the same way as it was before?
 - A No changes whatsoever.
- Q When did the Mongolian forces first start putting their outposts on the east bank of the Halha River?

A The eastern bank of the Halha River was

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always guarded by the Mongolian border guards and, more specifically, the outpost itself, or the outpost of the border guard detachment itself, was on the western bank of the Halha River and the post's patrols sent out were on the eastern bank. After June 5, 1939 when the cases of violation of the border by the Japanese and Manchurians became more frequent in accordance with the instructions of authorities my border outpost was transferred to the Huld Ulyn Obo area.

THE MONITOR: Strike out "and Manchurians."

Well, you stated in your affidavit that on the 11th of May a temporary frontier guard patrol was dispatched to the area six kilometers southwest of Namum-Burd-obo.

THE MONITOR: Reporter on the floor, what was the place name?

(Whereupon, the official court reporter read as follows: "Namum-Burd-obo.")

MR. BLAKENEY: That is what the affidavit says but that should be Nomonhan Burd Obo.

(Continuing) Now I ask you whether that was not, in fact, the first time that a Mongolian unit had been dispatched or stationed east of the Khalkin-Gol?

As I told you previously, the eastern bank

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of the Khalkin-Gol River was guarded by the Mongolian border guards since old times, and you mustn't draw the conclusion that they first appeared on the eastern bank when the cases of violation became frequent, and I state that what is stated in my affidavit pertains only to this period.

THE PRESIDENT: We will recess for fifteen minutes.

(Whereupon, at 1045, a recess was taken until 1100, after which the proceedings were resumed as follows:)

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MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.

THE PRESIDENT: Major Blakeney, do you anticipate being much longer with this witness?

MR. BLAKENEY: No, your Honor. There are a number of points which in the normal course I should wish to cross-examine on but I believe that in prevailing conditions I will cut my cross-examination to the very minimum and try to finish promptly.

("hereupon, at the request of the Russian Monitor, the last answer was read by the official court reporter as follows: "As I told you previously, the eastern bank of the Khalkin-Gol River was guarded by the Mongolian border guards since old times, and you mustn't draw the conclusion that they first appeared on the eastern bank when the cases of violation became frequent, and I state that what is stated in my affidavit pertains only to this period.)

RUSSIAN MONITOR: Strike out the last pert and substitute: The date when the violations commenced is pointed out in my affidavit. BY MR. BLAKENEY (Continued):

Now, how does it come that troops were

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dispatched on the 11th of May from the guard unit to the point east of the Khalkin-Gol which you have mentioned in your affidavit?

In my affidavit there was not a single word to the effect that on May 11th there were regular Mongolian forces on the eastern bank of the Khalkin-Gol River. In fact, on May 11th there were only border guard units and reserve border guard units on the east bank in order to block the advance of the Japanese forces which had violated the border line and invaded the territory of the Mongolian People's Republic.

I will quote from your affidavit and try again to get an answer. You say in your affidavit: ". . on the night of May 11, 1939 a temporary frontier guard patrol 20 men strong under the command of political inst uctor of the outpost Tsedjipa was dispatched by me to the area 6 kilometers south west of Namum-Burdobo." I asked you why.

THE PRESIDENT: I suppose you have read the following sentence, Major.

It is not correct to draw the conclusion that this patrol which was sent out was a part of a regular army unit. It was a border guard patrol and it was sent to guard the border line.

I have drawn no conclusion whatever. I asked

you why at that specific time that action was taken.

Patrols were sent to that area not only on the 11th of May but before and subsequent to that date. That was a usual procedure and they were sent not only to that area but to other places as well.

The date May 11th is pointed out in connection with the violation of the border line in that area by forces of the adjacent nation.

Q But the 11th of Mey was, was it not, the first time that a patrol sent to that location was attacked by Japanese forces, or Manchurian, as the case may be?

hundred men, attacked the Mongolian territory specifically this date, May 11th. In general the violations of the border, state border line of the Mongolian People's Republic took place even earlier -- violations by the Japanese took place even earlier. For instance, since December 1938 small groups of Japanese, 10, 20 or 40 men strong, frequently violated the state border line, invaded the Mongolian territory, and there were small-scale incidents. But the first violation of a large force of Japanese occurred on May 11th -- large force over three hundred men strong.

Q The Japanese forces which, as you call it, invaded the territory of Mongolia, did they ever cross the Khalkin-gol?

A What period of time are you referring to, Mr. Counsel?

MR. BLAKENEY: I didn't get that.

(Whereupon, the answer was read
by the official court reporter.)

Q At any time during the fighting that you have

testified about.

A The Japanese forces which had invaded the territory of the Mongolian People's Republic on the east bank of the Khalkin-gol hiver were repulsed by by our border guards and were, therefore, unable to cross the river. It was only on May 14th and 15th, 1939 when our border guards, under the pressure of overwhelming Japanese forces, were forced to withdraw to the western bank of the Khalkin-gol hiver, and the Japanese crossed to the --

THE RUSSIAN MONITOR: And the Japanese troops which invaded the territory of the Mongolian People's Republic seized the territory up to the east bank of the Halha River.

Q How many Mongolian frontier guards were engaged in the fighting at that time, the 14th and 15th of May.

A During this fighting our border guard outpost had two hundred men engaged in the fighting, and also a reserve unit sent cut by the border guard detachment to help us which consisted approximately of one hundred men. That altogether makes the strength of our forces three hundred men, and this force blocked the way of the Japanese invaders.

Q What was the size of the units of the Mongolian

army which came to your assistance at that point?

A What days do you mean?

Mr. BLAKENEY: What was that?

(Whereupon, the answer was read .

by the official court reporter.)

Q Whatever days you mean when you say in your affidavit, "unit" of the Mongolian army came to our assistance, and finally the Japanese-Bargut units were thrown back to the adjacent territory."

A If you are referring to the 14th and 15th of May I must tell you that we had no reinforcements from the regular army at that time. But we received reinforcement from the regular army in the second part of May, namely, on May 20th.

Q Well, tell me what their size was.

A Since I was not a commanding officer of the regular army units I can't tell exactly the number, the strength of the regular army units which arrived at the end of May, but approximately two squadrons.

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A I con't know the "act numerical strength of a squadron, but I believe over a hundred men.

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Q When did Soviet Army forces arrive at the scene of the fighting?

A The first Soviet units arrived at the scene of the fighting on 23rd-24th of May.

Q What was their strength?

A That I don't know.

Q Did they bring tanks and artillery?

A The first units which arrived at the scene of the battle didn't have tanks, but they had armored cars; their infantry had armored cars.

Q Tanks came in later, did they not?

A Subsequently there were tanks, artillery and infantry.

Q And Soviet aircraft?

A At the beginning, no Soviet aircraft.

Q But later?

A When large-scale operations commenced there was aircraft, Soviet aircraft.

Q What is the date on which commenced what you call larke-scale operations?

A The first blow was dealt to the apposing forces on 28-29 May, and finally they were repulsed

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at the end of July and in August.

THE MONITOR: Strike out "the opposing forces."

Q When the Soviet planes arrived, what part did they take in the operations?

A The Soviet air force took part in operations on hay 28-29.

Q I asked you: What part did they take? What did they do?

A They were engaged in fighting the Japanese aircraft.

Q Did they also bomb the Japanese installations?

A No.

Q Did they not attack the Japanese rear, and especially their supply depots?

A The Soviet and Mongolian forces had strict instructions not to violate the border line.

THE PRESIDENT: Is it necessary to get any more details of this kind?

MR. BLAKENEY: Of course, your Honor, he is contradicting other prosecution witnesses. But I will be glad to leave it at that point.

Q What was your rank at the time of this fighting?

A Junior lieutenant.

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Q And how many men were actually under your command at that time?

A About two hundred men.

Q Are you able to affirm, then, that curing the entire course of this fighting, no Mongolian or Soviet soldier crossed the state frontier into the territory of Manchukuo?

A The Mongolian military units were in their own territory in the course of fighting, and I can affirm it. Not a single time did they cross the state border line. They were on their territory during the fighting as well as before the fighting.

MR. BLAKENEY: That concludes the cross-examination.

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THE PRESIDENT: General Vasiliev.

GENERAL VASILIEV: I have two questions.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY GENERAL VASILIEV:

map tendered before the Tribunal was drawn up by you; and then being asked by the defense counsel you said that the map was not drawn by you but by some other person. Could you explain what you had in mind?

A Yesterday, when I testified with respect to the map attached to my affidavit I was apparently misunderstood. I would like to give a more detailed explanation with respect to this matter.

In December, 1946, when I gave my testimony to Lieutenan'. Colonel Sambunima he had a large map of the scale 1:200,000, and I, myself, marked on the map when, where, and in what direction the Japanese and Manchurian forces violated the border. I marked all events on that map, and I also marked the positions of our troops, that is, Manchurian troops. And when I was giving my testimony to Lieutenant Colonel Sambunima and marked on his large map scale 1:200,000. I asked him to have this map traced in order to facilitate the use of the affidavit and that the

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tracing be made as a sketch map.

THE PRESIDENT: We note that he did not swear yesterday that he made the map but he accepted your suggestion that he did, and we would assume, in the absence of proof to the contrary, that your suggestion was based on what he told you.

GEMERAL VASILIEV: I would like the witness to finish his reply and to do that in a very brief form.

A (Continuing) Lieutenant Colonel Sambunina consented and authorized one of his personnel to make the tracing on a separate sketch map, to make a tracing from the large map on a separate sketch map, and that was done, and the sketch map was shown to me so I could see that the sketch fully corresponded to what I marked myself.

GENERAL VASILIEV: That is enough. I will ask the last question.

Q Will you tell, Mr. Witness, when the question was put by defense counsel to the effect whether the state border line underwent any changes after the redemarcation was carried on, you said there were no changes. Will you tell, did you mean there were no changes in the southern part --

SOVIET MONITOR: Did you only mean the

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battlefield or the southern sector around the river as well?

I understood the question asked by the defense counsel to mean that he was referring only to my sector, that is, to Nomonhan Burd Obo, Huld Ulyn Obo, and Ers Ulyn Obo, and therefore I replied that there were no changes.

I haven', finished yet.

But in the neighboring sector on my right, that is, to the west, the border line was changed, and it was established closer to the river, that is to say, in the southern of my sector of the border.

GENERAL VASILIEV: May the witness be excused on the usual terms? I have no other questions.

THE PRESIDENT: He is excused accordingly. ("hereupon, the witness was excused.)

So far no Member of the Court has intimated to me that he favors a recess of any duration. I understand some of the defense counsel are prepared to go ahead with their particular cases. Probably the inclination will be to take those, at all events, and to proceed until we are brought to a standstill.

We will adjourn until half-past one.

(Thereupon, at 1200, a recess

was taken.)

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AFTERNOON SESSION
          The Tribunal met, pursuant to recess, at 1330.
          MAPSHAL OF THE COURT: The International
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 Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.
          THE PRESIDENT: Colonel Mornane.
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          COLONEL MORNANE: If the Tribunal pleases, at
stage 16,075 of the transcript, exhibit 2235, "Outline of
Two Speeches of Kenryo SATO," was introduced in evidence.
10 t bore the seal of one KUMAGAI. Your Honor, the
in President, requested that the identity of the writer of
12 the document be ascertained. During the course of the
13 cross-examination of one of the defense witnesses,
14 KAWABE, at pages 22,032 to 22,042, the matter was again
15 referred to.
           To clear it up, I now tender IPS document No.
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  3365, which is an affidavit by KUMAGAI, Toshio, stating
that he was a 3rd Class Secretary in the Police Bureau of
  the Home Ministry at the time the speeches were delivered
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   the two speeches. I do not propose to read the affidavit.
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           THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.
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           CLERK OF THE COURT: Prosecution document 3365
  will receive exhibit No. 3863.
                 (Whereupon, the document above
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referred to was marked prosecution exhibit No. 3863 and received in evidence.)

have an affidavit from this man as to this subject matter and desire to introduce it now so that the whole matter will be cleared up at the one part of the transcript. Prosecution has no objection to this course.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Freeman.

MR. FREEMAN: If the Tribunal please, defense document 3020 is now tendered in evidence to show, first, that exhibit 207, or exhibit 2235, which is the same, is not an official document; second, that the writer, KUMAGAI, knows no shorthand and only made notes of these speeches at the time they were made; third, that KUMAGAI later wrote up this document from his notes as he remembered them.

Therefore, the speeches cannot, in all seriousness, be considered policy-making speeches and, further, be of any importance to the Tribunal,

THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.

CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 3020 will receive exhibit No. 3864.

(Whereupon, the document above referred to was marked defense exhibit No. 3864 and received in evidence.)

MR. FREEMAN: I shall now read into evidence exhibit No. 3864:

"Having first duly sworn on oath on attached sheet, and in accordance with the procedure followed in my country, I hereby depose that I have answered Attorney KUSANO's, Hyoichiro, questions as follows:

"1. Q. Do you know that on August 25-29, SATO, Chief of Press Section of the War Ministry, delivered a lecture at the Chief of Prefectural Police Conference in the Home Office?

of Prefectural Police were held at the Home Office, people from various circles were often requested to give lectures on the current questions of importance. It is in accordance to this circumstance, I think, that Colonel SATO, Chief of Press Section of the War Ministry, was invited by the Police Bureau of the Home Office to give a lecture on the occasion of the said conference of Prefectural Police Chiefs concerning the actual state of the China affair, so that the police chiefs might be able to dispel the rumours running by making use of the information thus given.

"2. Q. Did you prepare this document, exhibit 270/2235, yourself? If so, tell us how you prepared it, and especially how accurate the statement is.

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I am no stenographer. However, during the session of the conference above referred to, two lectures, I believe, if I remember right, were given. These lectures did not necessarily agree with each other, it seems to me. After the lectures were given, I jotted down "cughly about 100 pages, which, I am inclined to think, I arranged in about 50-60 pages. The fact is, Colonel SATO spoke very fast and I remember finding it extremely hard to take memos of what he said. The present document was not subjected to Mr. SATO's review, and so fearing that there may be something that may not exactly accord with his speeches, I attached at the beginning of the present document a note saying, 'The responsibility for the wording of the document rests with the witness.' Such is the case as far as I remember of the time.

"On this 22nd day of January, 1948."

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THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Oneto.

MR. ONETO: I present in evidence IPS document No. 3367. It is a report established by General Martin, Commander in Chief of the troops in Indo-China, and giving a review of events at Langson in September 1940.

This document is offered to rebut the statement made by the accused TOJO that an exchange of firing took place between Japanese and French troops on the border between French Indo-China and China, page 36,202, and that there were more encounters of arms suffered within the same date, page 36,203.

This review of events at Langson set forth the importance of the battle which occurred in this area and contradicts the declaration of the accused TOJO who tried to minimize this incident.

MR. LAZARUS: Mr. President, I see that the Japanese and the American attorneys for General TOJO are not present, so on his behalf I will take the general objection that the accused have offered against this type of evidence.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, we have not seen the document yet. We are waiting to be supplied with copies.

By a majority the objection is overruled and the document admitted on the usual terms.

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CLERK OF THE COURT: Prosecution document 3367 will receive exhibit No. 3865. (Whereupon, the document above re-3 ferred to was marked prosecution exhibit No. 3865 and received in evidence.) THE PRESIDENT: Is there any need to read it, Mr. Oneto? 7 MR. ONETO: Your Honor, I find that this document is of great importance and I prefer that I should read this document. The reading will not 10 take more than five minutes altogether. THE PRESIDENT: You summarized it pretty well; 12 13 but read it. MR. ONETO: I will now read IPS document 3367, 14 15 exhibit No. 3865. 16 "Indo-China Command 17 "General Staff, G-2 18 "Hanoi, 15 October 1940 19 "Secret 20 "No. 3015/2B 21 "DRAFT OF CABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT 22 "Reply to State Telegram No. 520/R of 11 23 October 1940 from COLONIES to GOUGAL 24 "Review of Events at Langson . 25 "22 September - At 1400 hrs. The General

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Officer commanding the Japanese Division at Longtcheou had a letter intended for the High Command, sent to the Commanding Officer at Dong Dang, giving the information that the Japanese troops would enter Indo-China peacefully and would pass through Hanoi and that no armed resistance should be offered.

"At 2200 hrs. The Japanese enter Tongking in battle formation on the front Binhi Chima. Sergt. Dubuc on duty near Dong Dang, wounded by a bayonet at 2210 hrs, fired after challenging.

"The Corporal of the blockhouse at Namquan on duty about 22.25 hrs fired shots in the air after challenging on noting suspicious movements.

"Attack on the Namquan blockhouse and positions at Dong Dang by artillery and tanks during the night and morning 22/23 September

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"23 September - The post Dong Dang occupied in the morning.

"At 0700 hrs. - Intervention by Colonel KOIKE, General NISHIHARA's Chief of Staff, to stop firing; could only apply to elements of the first line who did not know of the agreement (or were purposely ignoring it).

"23 September (Continued)

"French ceased fire on condition Japanese

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troops did not pass the line reached before the incident was settled.

"At 0845 hrs. - Japanese planes flew over Langson and dropped leaflets. 'Stop fighting. The Japanese are returning to China.'

"At 1010 hrs. - Langson airfield bombed.

Japanese movement on Langson resumed at the end of the afternoon of 23rd while an invasion via Diemhe, west of Langson, manifested itself.

"At half past one the same day, the Chima post was attacked. Its garrison retired on Loc Binh as arranged. French intervention under a flag of truce at 9 o'clock in order to have the agreement made known.

Japanese advance in force resumed at 1600 hrs. Loc Binh e.scuated by the French after heavy fighting at 17.45 hrs.

"The same day a Japanese column made a drive from Dong Dang on Nacham. The post was reached in the evening, was attacked next morning and evacuated on the evening of the 24th after vigorous resistance.

"Binhi attacked at 2300 on 22 September.

Garrison retired on That Khe which place the Japanese reached and occupied on 24 September.

"24 September - Japanese heavy losses at

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Nacham-Loc Bing-Dong Dang. Night and early morning calm. Japanese infiltration became more acute into the Langson position by the middle of the morning; and in spite of orders not to fire until absolutely unavoidable, the position was obliged to open artillery fire.../.../...

"Diem He taken by the Japanese during 24 September. A large scale invasion into the Langson position commenced in the East in the same way by Japanese elements.

"End of the evening - Flanking French force near Langson shut themselves in with the garrison of the Kylua position.

125 September - Kylua-Langson bombed and shelled from 0530 to 0930. General Mennerat authorized at 1040 to enter and contact Japanese forces to make known the agreement which had come about and arrange maintenance of the status quo while the incident was being settled.

"Profiting by the cessation of fire and the fact that negotiations were going on the Japanese expedited their advance and encircled the position and penetrated the defences at a point on the North front. In view of this 'fait accompli' and under threat of a violent ultimatum General Mennerat was obliged to sign the articles of surrender at 1600 hours though the Japanese breach of faith had hopelessly compromised their terms.

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"Fighting ceased on the whole front, Thatke-Nacham-Langson-Loc Binh, the objective of the Japanese Division on the evening of the 25 September.

"Lieutenant General Martin,

"Commander-in-Chief of Troops of the Indo-China Group.

"/s/ Martin

"TRUE COPY

"The Chief of Staff G-2

"Signed R. Lemaitre

"Seal: Indo-China Forces

"General Officer Commanding in Chief"

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Nolan.

BRIGADIER NOLAN: May it please the Tribunal, that concl. the rebuttal evidence being offered by the prosecution.

(WHEREUPON, THE PROSECUTION RESTED IN REBUTTAL.)

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THE PRESIDENT: Mr. McManus.

MR. McMANUS: Mr. President and Members of the Tribunal, I have several documents I would like to present on surrebuttal and with the permission of the Tribunal I would like to proceed.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Chief of Counsel.

MR. KEENAN: Mr. President, the prosecution, having terminated its rebuttal, objects to the introduction of any further testimony or evidence in this cause.

Whether, Mr. President, we follow the provisions contained in the Charter, which we had thought were mandatory upon all of these proceedings, or whether we follow the ordinary procedure prevalent in criminal trials and other trials, we assume that the party to the controversy that has the burden has the right to begin the proceedings and to terminate them. If some new type of procedure, or new to many of us who practice in certain jurisdictions, is to be adopted, the prosecution respectfully requests direction from this Court.

If the test of the admissibility of evidence 24 at this time is still the test of whether evidence is 25 important and whether it has probative value, are we to assume, Mr. President, that when these various and

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sundry accused get through now with the resubmission of evidence as to other parts of the case, or whatever part they see fit, that the prosecution will then attempt to submit whatever evidence it finds has probative value and importance? Or have we arrived at a type of narrowing-down process in these proceedings? Does the Court mean that only such matters now will 8 be permitted to be offered by the accused as will 9 meet new matter raised in what we thought was rebuttal 10 phase of the prosecution?

In carefully perusing and analyzing the record 12 it would appear at some time that the Court has so 13 indicated, but at other times the clear standard has been raised as to whether testimony has probative value or whether it is important.

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THE PRESIDENT: If the prosecution has confined itself to evidence which is strictly evidence in rebuttal in the true sense, it hardly matters what the Court was prepared to do.

MR. KEENAN: May I inform the Court that I had not quite completed my statement? It is very brief,

We have, Mr. President, attempted to confine our evidence to rebuttal evidence in the strictest sense and to such extent that we will offer no more evidence in this trial under any circumstances.

To those Members of the Court -- I guess per-12 haps all of them -- who participated in the conversations with reference to the summation, we have our general part of the summation and almost all of it completed, ready to lodge with this Court in a matter of a few days. Obviously, we cannot include parts of the long detailed summation, and evidence that comes in in installments of this nature, without knowing when it is going to end. We do not understand, Mr. President, when it is to end, and as we believe that none of the evidence that will be offered as rebuttal raises any new points, if it is confined to answering rebuttal evidence, we will make no more detailed objections, but we will object to each and every item of evidence that is offered to this Court from this time on.

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THE PRESIDENT: If you have given in rebuttal evidence which you would have given in chief, had you the evidence available to you, the defense must have a right to answer that at all events. They have the same right to answer that as they would have if you had given that matter, that evidence, in chief and not in rebuttal. There is no answer to that; at least we cannot furnish

The question is: Is there such evidence given in rebuttal by the prosecution that the defense have the right to answer? And until we hear them, we can make no decision.

MR. KEENAN: In answer to your Honor's questions, with great respect, I can suggest to this Court that at no time have we made a motion to reopen the prosecution's case. I have no way of knowing, Mr. President, what the defense offers, but I do have a way of knowing what 26 witnesses might mean, or 60 documents might signify.

MR. LOGAN: May I sav a few words in answer to the Chief Prosecutor, Mr. President?

THE PRESIDENT: Well, Mr. Logan, is there any need? We will hear you in alphabetical order, commencing with the accused ARAKI's counsel.

MR. LOGAN: May we assume, then, that the

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Tribunal is going to proceed on the basis of the decision which was made on January 14, 1948, at record page 37,330?

THE PRESIDENT: I do not know what decision you refer to. You might read it.

IR. LOGAN: It is a statement by the President:

"The Tribunal has decided to receive any
evidence tendered by the prosecution which, in the
judgment of the Tribunal, has probative value and is
of importance. But the defense may apply to tender
evidence in answer to the prosecution's further evidence
and each application will be considered on its merits."

THE PRESIDENT: We are prepared now to receive those applications, commencing with the accused ARAKI.

IR. LOGAN: There is one other matter that I would like to bring up at this time, with the Tribunal's permission. This has been prepared by Mr. Brannon, and he asked me to present it in view of the fact that the Chief Prosecutor brought up the question about summations.

On December 16, 1947, the Tribunal promulgated Rule 11 pertaining to final arguments and summations. Prior to the issuance of these rules of procedure, informal discussions were held between the prosecution and the defense, in the presence of some Members of the Tribunal.

We believe that the ruling of the Tribunal was predicated upon those discussions after weighing the merits of what had been said by both sides. For that reason we assumed that the prosecution was required to make its summation first, so that the defense would have the privilege of answering point by point the reasoning advanced by the prosecution, and likewise the prosecution was provided by the ruling the right to answer such statements as the defense might make in its summation.

The answering of the prosecution argument becomes one of the vital tasks befalling defense counsel, since it is our method of directly assisting the Tribunal towards digesting the very material to be found in this voluminous transcript. For the defense to argue at random without reference to the prosecution's statements, or to be forced to anticipate such prosecution statements, would render unnecessary the ruling of the Tribunal providing for the prosecution to argue initially. Therefore we must assume that the purpose of the Tribunal's interpretation of the Charter provision regarding procedure must have been predicated upon the expectancy that the defense will enjoy the privilege of answering the prosecution.

In the order made and referred to there is

no reference to the prosecution's serving their argument upon the defense ahead of time. Were it not for the technical difficulties of processing, no complaint would logically lie here; but since we have found it impossible to draft our arguments in a manner approaching the form in which it will be finally given, we earnestly request now that the Tribunal either amend its ruling to provide for this admission, or to issue a direction to the prosecution pertaining to the matter. It is therefore to disclose fully to the Tribunal, as we did at the informal chamber hearings, the processing difficulties which will be facing us if a last-minute serving of the final prosecution arguments are made upon us, for until such arguments are placed in our hands we will be unable to draft in final form the defense arguments to be made, and until they are draftec in final form no processing is possible.

THE PRESIDENT: The existing order was made after consideration in chambers. I think you had better come into chambers again and let us thrash out this.

MR. LOGAN: Will we set that for four o'clock this afternoon, if the Tribunal please?

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Keenan.

MR. KEENAN: Mr. President, this matter that

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has been presented to this Court is entirely out of order and in derogation of its rules. I think it is addressed more to the President than to the Court. But if it is to be given serious consideration, I suggest we have a little time to consider the matter and not make too hasty an approach to it.

THE PRESIDENT: It didn't occur to me that Mr. Logan was addressing me and not the whole Tribunal. As a matter of fact, I was in Australia when the order under discussion was made and I had nothing to do with it, but I understand the order followed conferences which you attended, I am told, Mr. Chief of Counsel, as well as counsel for the defense, and I would like the Judges who were present at that conference to meet you all again in chambers with myself to see whether this can be straightened out if there is any straightening out needed.

MR. KEENAN: There was an order issued, as your Honor knows. The prosecution took it very seriously. Regardless of who issued it, we thought it was authorized and attempted to comply with it.

MR. McMANUS: May I proceed, your Honor?

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THE PRESIDENT: Make your application.
You are invited to do so.

MR. McMANUS: If your Honor please, I would like to tender in evidence defense document No. 3025--

THE PRESIDENT: You are applying now to give this evidence, and you will have to give us the reasons.

MR. McMANUS: I would like to tender this document in refutation of the allegation by the prosecution that ARAKI advocated withdrawal from the League of Nations; further, in refutation of exhibit No. 3765-A wherein it was stated that ARAKI favored the creation of a situation which might lead Japan to wage a war against the world. I offer defense document No. 3025 and ask that it be received into evidence.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Comyns Carr.

MR. COMYNS CARR: May it please the Tribunal, in my submission, before a document can be received in evidence in answer, as laid down by the Tribunal, to new evidence given by the prosecution, two things must be shown: In the first place, what it is answering, which we haven't been told, that is to say, what exhibit put in by the prosecution it is answering; and, in the second place, that ARAKI, in this case, has not had the opportunity of answering it before. Every piece of evidence introduced by us in rebuttal against

ARAKI was specifically put to him in cross-examination and he had a complete opportunity of answering it.

In our submission there can therefore be no room for further evidence on his behalf, and as far as this particular document is concerned, a glance at it shows it doesn't answer anything.

THE PRESIDENT: The Court has decided to go into conference to consider certain points raised by counsel this afternoon.

We will recess until three o'clock.

(Whereupon, at 1432, a recess was taken until 1510, after which the proceedings were resumed as follows:)

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MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.

THE PRESILENT: On the 14th of January we gave the following decision, appearing in the transcript at page 37,330: "The Tribunal has decided to receive any evidence tendered by the prosecution which in the judgment of the Tribunal has probative value and is of importance, but the defense may apply to tender evidence in answer to the prosecution's further evidence and each application will be considered on its merits." The Tribunal adheres to that decision.

The further evidence, if any, to be tendered by the defense will be subjected to the same tests:

Has it probative value; is it important; and is it in reply to the prosecution's further evidence?

Mr. McManus.

MR. McMANUS: Your Honor, may I request a ruling on the document 3025 as to whether or not the Tribunal will receive it in evidence?

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is upheld and the document rejected.

MR. McMANUS: I now tender in evidence defense document No. 3026 to show the policy advocated by the Five Ministers' Conference in 1933, as it is claimed by the prosecution that ARAKI, as a member of the cabinet

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at that time, was as much responsible for these policies as other members of the cabinet. This document is offered to show that the policy of the cabinet at that time was to promote international good will by an endeavor to settle all difficulties in a peaceful manner, and by diplomatic means.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Comyns Carr.

I make the same objection to this as to the last. There is no indication of any particular piece of the prosecution's further evidence which this is supposed to answer; still less that he didn't have a full opportunity of answering it when he was cross-examined. And I would remind the Tribunal that the HARADA Diary has been open to the defense ever since the 23d of August and could have been used by them in their own case as it was by one of them.

excerpt intended to be used by the prosecution was not transered to us at the 23d of August. We had no idea what excerpts were going to be used by the prosecution. We couldn't, naturally, anticipate it, and the diary is so voluminous that it would be impossible to go through the entire diary and try to anticipate what the prosecution might use.

If your Honor further pleases, we took the general position that we opposed the introduction of the diary in its entirety. Consequently, when the prosecution saw fit to use excerpts from the diary and these excerpts were accepted by the Court, I think we should be permitted to answer them by the same method, from the SAIONJI-HARADA Diary.

Concerning Mr. Carr's statement that it
doesn't in particular answer any perticular portion
or excerpt, I call your Honor's attention that on
many, many occasions the policies of the Five Ministers' Conference were introduced here in a derogatory
way by the prosecution.

THE PRESIDENT: It seems to comply with all three tests: It is the Prime Minister's interpretation of that Five Ministers' Conference; it is in reply to the prosecution; it has probative value; and it is important.

By a majority the objection is overruled and the document admitted on the usual terms.

CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 3026 will receive exhibit No. 3866.

(Whereupon, the document above referred to was marked defense exhibit No. 3866 and received in evidence.)

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MR. McMANUS: (Reading) "Excerpt from SAIONJI-

"Chapter 103 (24 October 1933)

"The general outline of the five ministers' conference held on October 25th was given to me in strict secrecy by the Prime Minister. I was requested to transmit the following to the Prince (SAIONJI):

"1. Concerning international relations, measures are to be taken for the consummation of our plans peacefully and by diplomatic means. We must endeavor as much as possible to avoid a collision.

"2. Concerning national defense expenditures, they must be adjusted to our national resources, so that we may not suffer from threats of other nations nor be held in contempt by foreign countries.

"3. Concerning domestic problems, with each ministry devoting its efforts toward solving difficult issues under their jurisdiction, encourage deliberations among the ministers concerned and plan thus for national -tability and prepare for adequate national defence."

I now tender in evidence defense document No. 3027 to further show the intention of the cabinet then, in 1933, whereby it was in favor of settling international affairs by diplomacy and to further show that military preparations were for defense purposes alone,

and in no manner to start an aggressive war.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Comyns Carr.

MR. COMYNS CARR: May it please the Tribunal, I make the same objections as before to this one and in addition it is a piece cut out of the middle of certain remarks; it doesn't even appear whose remarks they are. We tendered an extract on the next page relating to the same matter and it was rejected by the Tribunal.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. McManus.

MR. McMANUS: I contend, your Honor, that it is important and has probative value to further show the intentions of the cabinet at that time during the Manchurian Incident.

THE PRESIDENT: Who is supposed to have said this? This is HARADA's record of something somebody else said.

MR. McMANUS: Your Honor, I can't offhand just say now. I merely took the excerpt from the diary.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is sustained and the document rejected.

MR. McMANUS: I now tender defense document 3028 to show the further policy of the cabinet at that time to avoid war with Russia and the United States and to show the further policy of non-withdrawal from the

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League of Nations.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Comyns Carr.

MR. COMYNS CARR: May it please your Honor, it doesn't show anything of the sort. It purports to be a secret agreement between the two General Staffs and, in fact, within a very short time after that date they did withdraw from the League of Nations.

THE PRESIDENT: Who was the Navy Minister at that time? None of the accused, apparently.

MR. McMANUS: Your Honor, I don't believe he is one of the accused, but he was a member of the same cabinet that ARAKI was a member of in 1932.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is sustained and the document rejected.

MR. McMANUS: I now tender in evidence defense document No. 2189. This document is offered for the purpose of refuting the allegations in IPS document No. 3150-72A, Exhibit No. 3772-A, wherein Baron HARADA stated that Baron ARAKI was pressing for an immediate withdrawal from the League of Nations in 1933. It is offered to show that there was no pressing whatever, and that ARAKI was an ardent advocate of the diplomatic solution to the difficulties between Japan and the League. I further point out to the Court the defense proof that after such withdrawal ARAKI was the first and the only

person to endeavor to promote international peace and harmony by his proposed advocacy of an international peace conference, which proof has been submitted and accepted by this Tribunal.

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THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Comyns Carr.

using this offer to deliver part of his summation.
With regard to this document and every remaining
document on this list, it has been previously offered
to and rejected by this Tribunal, this one at page
28,576. The Tribunal has repeatedly refused to admit documents previously rejected by it, and I ask
it to do the same with regard to all these documents;
and to save time, may I be taken as objecting to each
and every one of them on the same ground.

MR. McMANUS: Your Honor will note, of course, that I just omitted the previous document in my order list, intending to discuss that a little later concerning a rejected document. I sincerely was under the impression that this document had not been submitted before. However, your Honor, in view of the fact on page 36,637 of the record, wherein it was stated that ARAKI was pressing for an immediate withdrawal from the League of Nations, possibly your Honor would consider this document, even though it has be n rejected by the Tribunal, as I am informed by the prosecutor.

THE PRESIDENT: The objection is sustained and the document rejected.

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MR. McMANUS: Concerning the next document
I intend to offer, your Honor, I will state that this
document has already been submitted. It is defense
document 1848 and has been rejected by the Tribunal.
However, I ask the Tribunal's reconsideration on the
ground that Lord Lytton and ARAKI had an interview
on March 5, 1932, and because of the importance of
the Lytton report submitted by the prosecution I
think Lord Lytton's discussion with ARAKI is important and has probative value to show ARAKI's views
toward the recognition of Manchukuo at that time.

I might inform the Court that if the document is accepted I intend to read just a few excerpts therefrom.

have not seen copies yet. I am assuming that having rejected it once we will reject it again. There is no objection yet.

MR. COMYNS CARE: I did say to save time I was objecting to every one of these documents on the same ground, having been rejected before, but I will take it each time.

ME. McMANUS: I have two other documents, if the Court pleases, but because of processing difficulties I have not had time to offer them, but

they are the only two documents that I would like to tender. However, I request the Tribunal --

THE PRESIDENT: The objection is upheld and the document rejected:

MR. McMANUS: However, I request the Tribunal to permit me at some convenient time, when the processing of these documents is completed, to permit me to finish the balance of my surrebuttal by the offering of these two extra documents. I have no further documents to tender at this time.

MR. HAYASHI: I am counsel HAYASHI, representing the accused HASHIMOTO.

on behalf of the accused I should like to present in evidence defense document 602-A-2, an excerpt from an interrogation of the accused HASHI-MOTO on the 17th of January, 1946. These excerpts are different portions of the interrogations, excerpts of interrogations, tendered in evidence by Mr. Woolworth of the International Prosecution Section on the 23rd of January, which was given exhibit No. 3846, and I wish to tender in evidence that part which was not included in the document, 3846.

THE PRESIDENT: The document is not in the possession of the Clerk of the Court; so pass on to something else.

MR. HAYASHI: This is the only document I intend to tender in evidence, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: You have no witness?

MR. HAYASHI: There are no witnesses.

THE PRESIDENT: Well, the document is not in court, and we cannot hear your argument on it unless we have it.

MR. HAYASHI: I filed my documents with the Clerk of the Court on Tuesday.

THE PRESIDENT: Who else is ready to present documents?

Mr. Lazarus.

MR. LAZARUS: Mr. President, on behalf of the accused HATA, we wish to introduce excerpts from only two of the prosecution's exhibits, introduced by the prosecution in its rebuttal.

We first offer defense document 2992. This is an additional excerpt from the interrogation of Admiral Mitsumasa YONAI, which was prosecution's exhibit for identification 3831 (record 37,999). At the time of its introduction, the defense stated it would present a further excerpt from the interrogation in order to fill out the picture and present fully to the Tribunal YONAI's statements with reference to HATA and HATA's actions as War Minister in the YONAI

Cabinet. The document is important and it does have probative value, we submit. It is our only document on the matter of the YONAI Cabinet.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Sutton.

MR. SUTTON: If the Tribunal plezse, the prosecution objects to this document, as there was nothing new brought out to which this is an answer. YONAI was introduced as a witness for the defense, and this at best would be an attempt to bolster their own witness.

MR. LAZARUS: I respectfully point out to the Tribunal that at the time the prosecution introduced its excerpts I pointed out that the excerpt and the portion thereof which the prosecution introduced failed to present the full picture of what YONAI said at this interrogation. We respectfully submit the balance of the excerpt which we have here to show to the Bribunal what YONAI really said about HATA and HATA's action in the YONAI Cabinet.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is sustained and the document rejected.

MR. LAZARUS: We next offer defense document 2999. This is the first of a series of short excerpts taken from prosecution's exhibit 3834 for identification (record 38,020). This exhibit is the five-

volume record of the trial in Shanghai in May 1946, by an American court of the Commanding General, two members of the court and the jailer, responsible for the atrocities against the Doolittle fliers and their trial and execution. We will offer only excerpts from the most important witnesses and the accused themselves to refuse the prosecution's contention that General HATA, as Commanding General in China, with Headquarters in Nanking, was responsible for the atrocities, trial and execution which took place under the 13th Army of Lieutenant General SAWADA, with Headquarters in Shanghai where all this took place.

This first excerpt is prosecution's transcript exhibit No. 25, the statement of Major HATA,
Itsuro, who was the prosecutor of the Doolittle
fliers at their trial. In this document we now offer,
he states that Imperial Headquarters in Tokyo conruted the death sentence of five of the fliers,
ordered the remaining three executed, ordered the
men treated not as prisoners of war but as war criminals, and the Commanding General of the 13th Army
gave the order for the execution of the three men.
It shows that at no time was there any opportunity for
action by HATA's Hadquarters in Nanking. The four

accused Japanese themselves in later excerpts confirmed these facts when they took the stand at their own trial for these atrocities.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Sutton.

MR. FUTTON: May it please the Tribunal, the prosecution objects to the introduction of this document.

The defense introduced in this case the alleged confessions of the eight Doolittle fliers. The prosecution introduced in rebuttal excerpts from the SAWADA trial to show the circumstances under which those confessions were obtained, to show that they were obtained by duress and coercion.

One excerpt from the SAWADA trial was directly put to MIYANO, who testified therein, denied by him, and that excerpt introduced by the prosecution in rebuttal. That is all that was offered from the SAWADA trial.

We respectfully submit that there was nothing new brought into the case by the excerpt offered from the SAWADA trial. We object to the introduction of this and the succeeding excerpts from that trial.

MR. LAZARUS: The prosecution, if the Tribunal please, has sought in introducing these excerpts from the SAWADA trial to place the blame for the atrocities. This series of excerpts which we are about to submit shows who actually committed these atrocities and who gave the orders for their commission, if the Tribunal please, and they absolutely --

THE PRESIDENT: But how is that a reply to any

evidence given in an alleged rebuttal? We will put it that way.

MR. LAZARUS: The prosecution introduced the excerpt from MIYANO which stated that General HATA had given the order for the trial and had demanded the death penalty for these fliers. Now here the accused themselves at this trial, on trial for their lives, for these atrocities, and their witnesses -- the people who took part in the trial of the Doolittle fliers -- state where the orders came from for the performance of these atrocities, and they state it did not come from HATA, and we submit that is proper rebuttal, that HATA had nothing to do with this trial or these atrocities.

In the individual defense of General HATA we introduced nothing about the strocities or torture of the Doolittle fliers, but the prosecution in rebuttal did introduce such evidence, and we mean to meet it.

(Whereupon, I'r. Sutton came to the

lectern.)

THE PRESIDENT: We cannot hear you twice. Do you want to correct something that was wrong?

MR. FUTTON: With the permission of the Tribunal.

I would like to state that that evidence was introduced
in the general phase.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is

sustained and the document rejected.

MR. LAZARUS: I next offer defense document 2998. This is an excerpt from the testimony of Army Judicial Major General Shoshi ITO, who gave the final orders for the execution of the three Doolittle fliers. General ITO states here that he was head of the Judicial Department of the 13th Army at the time of the trial of the Doolittle fliers. He too states that report was made to Tokyo through Nanking. He states he received an order from the Chief of Staff that the sentence be forwarded to Tokyo immediately.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Sutton.

MR. FUTTON: The prosecution objects to the introduction of this document for the same reason assigned in our objection to the previous document. This matter was fully explored by the defense in the individual phase of General HATA, and this is the same type of testimony offered by the defense in his individual phase.

MR. LAZARUS: We still have to meet, Mr. President, the prosecution's rebuttal evidence, that MIYANO stated HATA was responsible for the trial. Here all these people stated this is not so, and we have got to be permitted to meet this prosecution evidence.

This man was chief of the Judiciary of the 13th

Army which tried the Doolittle fliers. He says where the orders for the trial came from, and they did not come from HATA. That is both important and it does have probative value.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is sustained and the document rejected.

MR. LAZARUS: We next offer defense document 3003. This is an excerpt from defense transcript exhibit No. 10, the affidavit of General SHIMOMURA, who succeeded Lieutenant General SAWADA as Commanding General of the 13th Army in Shanghai after the trial of the Doolittle fliers, but before the three fliers were executed.

This document shows SHIMMURA was in Japan when he was assigned as new commanding general of the 13th Army in shanghai. Before leaving for Shanghai he made a courtesy call on Imperial Headquarters in Tokyo, where, since he had no previous connection with the Doclittle fliers, he asked for instructions, and was told by the Chief of the General Staff, "This affair has been thoroughly investigated and the final decision has been made in Tokyo. As a result there is nothing that Shanghai or Nanking can do about this decision except carry it out. As to the details and procedures of the trial, you can get a report from the one responsible

at the time when you get to Shanghai."

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MR. KEENAN: Just a mement.

MR. LAZARUS: May I finish, please?

THE PRESIDENT: Yes, we insist on his completing what he has to say.

MR. KEENAN: He is reading the document in introducing it.

THE PRESIDENT: You have prepared a script for the translation people?

MR. LAZARUS: Yes.

THE PREFIDENT: It is only for that reason we are allowing you to do it.

MR. LAZARUS: Yes, that is right.

THE PRESIDENT: Some of these explanations are too long.

MR. LAZARUS: Here again this document shows that Nanking was not the responsible place, but Shanghai, the headquarters of the 13th Army, the place to which the fliers had been sent for trial directly from Tokyo.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. sutton.

MR. SUTTON: If it please the Tribunal, the prosecution objects to the introduction of this document for the reason assigned in objecting to the other excerpts from the SAWADA trial, and for the additional reason

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that it appears from the face of the document that it all took place after the trial, the earliest date on the document being October 8, and the trial was held in August.

MR. LAZARUS: This is the commanding general himself who gave the orders to his own army, the 13th Army, to execute the Doolittle fliers, and he says where his orders came from. They came from Tokyo, and not from HATA. Surely, this has probative value and is all-important, and answers the prosecution's exhibit that HATA gave the orders for the trial.

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THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is overruled and the document admitted on the usual terms.

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CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 3003 will receive exhibit No. 3867.

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(Whereupon, the document above referred to was marked defense exhibit No.

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3867 and received in evidence.) . MR. LAZARUS: I will omit the formal part and

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"On this day, orders were issued for the change in command of the 13th Army. Lieutenant General AWADA was in Shanghai at the time, while Lieutenant General SHIP OMURA, commandant of the Army General Staff

College up to this date, was in Saitama province, engaged in maneuvers which had been going on since 1 October.

However, he was immediately recalled to Tokyo and assigned as army commander.

"9 October 1942 - Lt Gen SHIMOMURA makes courtesy call to Imperial Headquarters."

"Up to this day (9 Oct) Lt Gen &HIMOMURA absolutely had no connection with this incident. Therefore, he asked for a more detailed explanation and was given the following answer by the Chief of the General *taif:

"This affair has been thor ighly investigated and the final decision has been made in Tokyo. As a result, there is nothing that Shanghai or Nanking can do about this decision except carry it out. As to the details and procedures of the trial, you can get a report from the one responsible at the time when you reach shangha' "

THE PREFIDENT: We will adjourn until halfpast nine Monday m' ning.

(Whereupon, at 1600, an adjournment was taken until Monday, 2 February 1948, at 0930.)